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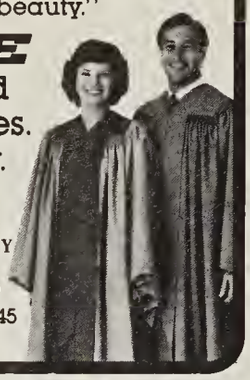

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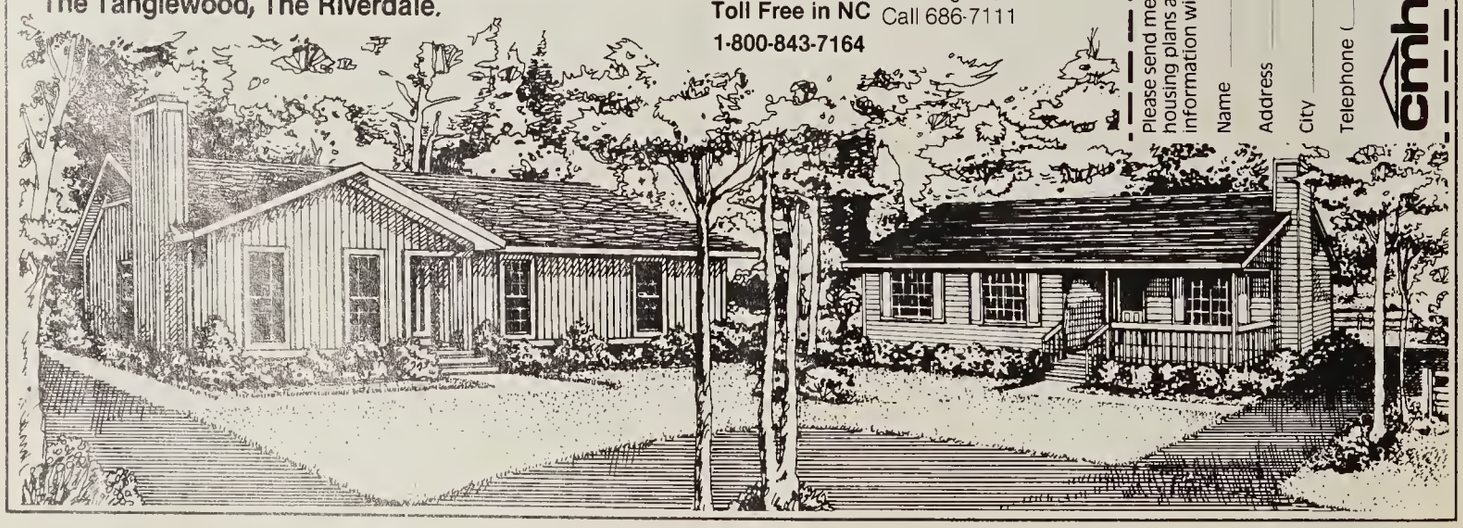

VIEWPOINT

Electrical Safety

It's Our 'Common Sense Responsibility'

The following editorial was written by Lester L. Murphy, executive vice president of the Kansas statewide organization of electric cooperatives. It is reprinted from that organization's monthly magazine, Kansas Country Living.

The public's misperception of electric safety is resulting in an increasing number of tragic accidents. These incidents result in a great deal of human suffering and force electric consumers to pick up the tab for a number of people who failed to use reasonable judgment around electric power lines and equipment.

Several years ago, a 31-year-old Arkansas man climbed a 35-foot utility pole because, he told police, he wanted to see what a transformer looked like up close. He wound up in the hospital with severe burns on his arm and leg after touching a rural electric cooperative line carrying 7,600 volts of electricity.

More recently, a teenager in Texas was seriously maimed when he joined several aluminum tent poles together in order to reach a high voltage line just to win a bet.

More common are accidents involving children who climb utility poles or trees to retrieve kites or farmers whose grain augers come in contact with electric lines.

Other common causes of injury and death have been cranes, CB radio and TV antennas, irrigation pipes, ladders, sailboat masts, airplanes, cars and the list goes on and on.

No matter how the accident happens, the cause is clear: The general public has a perilous lack of knowledge about the dangers of high-voltage electric lines.

Besides causing human suffering, these incidents result in tremendous costs. Recent statistics from insurance companies insuring the rural electric cooperatives indicate that upwards of $11.8 million a year are necessary to settle claims made by electrocution victims and their families.

Why are these accidents so common? Generally, the public mistakenly sees electric power as a safe commodity, according to a 1982 study published in *Scientific American.*

That magazine's poll of students and members of women's groups and business clubs showed that electric power is perceived as the 19th most risky of 30 potential dangers. Nuclear power, hand guns and motorcycles top the list, while smoking, alcoholic beverages, police work and surgery were perceived as greater risks than electric power.

Scientific American's rating of dangers, based on the actual annual contribution each risk makes to the number of deaths in this country, puts electric power fifth. Only smoking, alcoholic beverages, motor vehicles and hand guns caused more deaths each year than electricity.

When it is used properly, electricity is one of the greatest helpers of mankind. But when electrical safety rules and common sense responsibility are not practiced, then it can become a real hazard.

The "lightning" in power lines can be just as deadly as nature's own. However, the man-made variety is much easier to avoid if the danger is known and the proper precautions are followed.

Whether at work or play, always stay away from any object that may come in contact with an overhead power line.

Always avoid any type of construction under or near power lines. . . . The danger of accidental contact is too great. The best way to avoiding accidental injury or death is to keep yourself and all types of equipment well away from power lines.

The electric cooperatives are concerned about the safety of their members and the general public. Electrical safety is, however, everyone's common sense responsibility.

If serious accidents involving power lines are to be avoided, each member of the general public must learn to accept their share of the responsibility for acting safely around one of the greatest servants—electricity.

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A Letter From The Editor:

Dear Readers,

A couple of our readers have already spotted an error in a story that ran in our July issue—and written or telephoned to point it out to us. In looking back at the piece, it's difficult to see how we missed it in processing and proofing the story.

The story, which was prepared by the Agricultural Information office of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, quoted an extension specialist in regard to the cost of electricity compared to other items.

She said electricity, on the average, costs Tar Heel consumers about $3 a day, which is about as much as many North Carolina families spend on snacks.

That figure is about right, according to figures we've seen.

The error came in the reference to a $120 monthly bill, which would represent a 40-day month at $3 per day.

We'll make an effort to check the arithmetic more carefully in our stories in the future—even when they originate elsewhere.

Meanwhile, a Greensboro reader wrote to suggest yet another method of removing the mailing label from the front cover of the magazine without damaging the cover image.

Nina Edwards, who called herself a "fan" of our covers, said she's tried several methods for removing the labels but the best she's found is to use an electric hair dryer. "Point the hot air directly on the label, hold dryer with the left hand and use a small knife to lift the label off."

The procedure also works for removing price tag labels, she said.

If you're unable to remove the label from the cover you're particularly interested in, remember that we now maintain a limited supply of "mint condition" covers. They are available for $1 each, including postage and handling.

Best regards,

Owen Bishop

Cover: Photo By Chapel Hill's Rob Gardner

Our cover this month features a photo of a hummingbird with a colorful cardinal flower. The photo is by Rob Gardner of Chapel Hill, who is curator of the North Carolina Botanical Garden. It's from the book *Growing and Propagating Wild Flowers* by Harry R. Phillips, copyright 1985, the University of North Carolina Press. Reprinted with permission of the publisher.

The book is available in bookstores or from UNC Press, P.O. Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. The cloth edition is $24.95; the quality paperback, $14.95. Add $1.25 for postage and handling. North Carolina residents must add sales tax.

Carowan Retires

Lee Takes Reins At Tideland EMC

LEE

CAROWAN

Lloyd H. Lee, who has spent the past 18 years in staff posts with two North Carolina electric cooperatives, has assumed the position of general manager at Tideland Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Pantego.

He succeeds Glenn A. Carowan, who retired after 32 years in rural electrification.

Carowan began his career in the program as assistant manager of Woodstock EMC in 1956 and was promoted to manager in 1969. Three years later, Woodstock merged with Pamlico-Beaufort EMC to form Tideland EMC. In 1973, the co-op also merged with Ocracoke EMC.

Lee had been manager of corporate services at Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City, when he took the Tideland post. He was with Carteret-Craven for the past nine years. Prior to that, he was on the staff of Four County EMC, Burgaw, for nine years.

The Burgaw native has a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University. He is married to the former Lina Sanford of Wilmington. They have two children.

Tideland EMC serves about 17,500 consumer-members in Beaufort, Craven, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico and Hyde Counties.

Morton Bows Out

Jones-Onslow Names McElheney

McELHENEY

MORTON

J. Ronald McElheney, who has been with Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Jacksonville, for 18 years, has been named general manager of the cooperative.

He assumed the manager's post in July upon the retirement of Alvin C. Morton, who stepped down after 42 years with the EMC.

Morton, who joined the co-op in 1946 as office manager/accountant, had been general manager since 1966.

Throughout his career in rural electrification, he played an active role in the affairs of the statewide organization of electric co-ops, focusing primarily on power supply matters. He is a former president of North Carolina EMC, the power supply operation of the statewide organization.

McElheney began his career with Jones-Onslow in 1970 as director of member services. For the past 15 years, he has served as assistant to the general manager. A native of Knightdale in Wake County, he has a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University. He is married to the former Dee Goins of Jacksonville and has three daughters.

Jones-Onslow EMC serves more than 35,000 consumer-members in Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, Duplin, Pender and Craven Counties.

Highway Widening Draws Support Of Blue Ridge EMC's Consumer-Members

Consumer-members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Lenoir, have called on state transportation officials to widen Highway 321 between Patterson in Caldwell County and Blowing Rock.

In a resolution adopted at the EMC's 1988 annual meeting in Boone, co-op members unanimously endorsed the four laning of the 13-mile section of roadway.

The resolution also asked Caldwell County to "do those things necessary to preserve the right-of-way corridor for the additional lanes."

The co-op's members also unanimously adopted a resolution supporting expansion of the EMC's BREMCare program, which assists members who are unable to meet their electric energy needs.

The two-year-old program will be broadened to allow co-op members to voluntarily contribute to the fund, with the co-op matching their donations.

In the election of board members, a newcomer and two incumbents were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Incumbents re-elected were Charity Gambill of Sparta and Bill E. Brown of Rt. 1, Boone. The newcomer to the board is Kenneth (Kenny) Greene of West Jefferson, who was elected to the seat previously held by Richard Shepherd of Rt. 2, Lansing.

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"Water, especially soft water, pulls lead from lead pipes or lead solder used with copper pipes in your home. After about six hours, the level of lead has built up," says Dr. Sandra Dellinger, extension housing specialist at North Carolina State University.

Lead is a toxic metal. Too much lead can damage the brain, kidneys, nervous system and red blood cells. Infants, young children and pregnant women are most susceptible to damage from lead. A dose that would have little effect on you can seriously harm your child, stunting his physical and mental development. Infants, whose diet consists of liquids made with water, such as baby formula, are especially susceptible, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"The solution is a simple one. Don't drink any water that has been in contact with your home's plumbing for more than six hours, such as overnight or during your work day," says Dr. Dellinger.

"Before using water for drinking or cooking, let the cold water faucet run until you feel that the water has become as cold as it will get. You must do this for each drinking water faucet. Taking a shower will not flush your kitchen tap. Don't use hot water for cooking or drinking. Hot water is even more likely to leach lead out of the pipes," says Dr. Dellinger.

Buildings built before 1930 may have service connectors that are made of lead. Let the water run for an extra 15 seconds after it cools to flush the service connector.

Once you have flushed the tap, you might fill one or more bottles with the uncontaminated water and put them in the refrigerator for later use that day. You can also collect the contaminated water in jugs and use it for cleaning or other purposes, if you wish.

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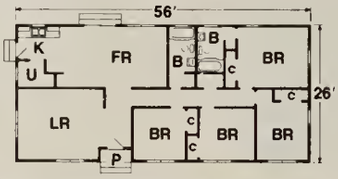

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Featured area artists will be: Nancy H. Rossi, a weaver from Winston-Salem; John Nygren, a glass blower from Walnut Cove and Bob Kopf, a woodcrafter from Walnut Cove.

For more information on the exhibition, write to the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, P.O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC 28815. Phone: (704) 298-7928.

Wildlife and Sportsman's Show Set In New Bern, Sept. 17-18

Noted wildlife artists, sculptors and tradesmen will gather Sept. 17-18 for the North Carolina Wildlife and Sportsman's Show in New Bern.

An exhibition of original artworks, carvings, decoys and outdoor sporting goods, encompassing several downtown buildings, will highlight the event.

Nationally known artist Bob Timberlake has donated the rights to his painting, "Knotts Island Decoys" for use as the subject for the event's poster. Part of the proceeds from the show will be donated to Ducks Unlimited, Keep America Beautiful and the N.C. Wildlife Federation.

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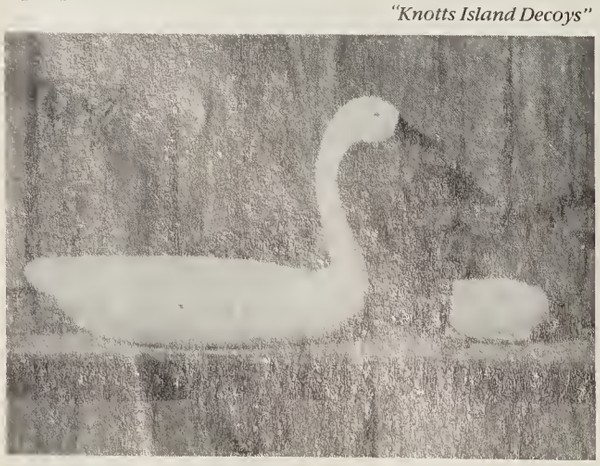

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The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. the first two days, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the third day and noon to 5 p.m. the final day.

Admission is $1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students and $1 for senior citizens. Children under 6 years old will be admitted free of charge.

For more information, write to the Albemarle Craftsman Guild, P.O. Box 1301, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

Volunteers Sought To Write Letters To U.S. Servicemen

Getting holiday cards or letters from "back home" to U.S. servicemen—that's the purpose of Military Mail Call, a non-profit organization now working on its Mail Call '88 program.

Over 100,000 servicemen stationed throughout the world received letters last Christmas from around the country as a result of Mail Call's efforts to brighten the holiday season.

Many of them were from North Carolina.

Louise Strickland of Woodland was one of the top individual participants last year, sending out 300 letters as part of the program.

A number of state organizations participated in the 1987 effort with some being national leaders in their respective divisions. They were: Bartlett Yancey High School, Yanceyville; Stedman Junior High School, Stedman; Aulander Elementary School, Aulander and Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

Also: Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Unit #63, Eden; Reserve Officers Association, Wake County Chapter #25, Durham and Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer.

For more information on Mail Call, send your name and address along with a first-class postage stamp to: Military Mail Call, Box 2066, Ft. Benning, GA 31905.

Historical Book Shows Maps From 16th Century

William P. Cumming's new book, *Mapping the North Carolina Coast: 16th Century Cartography and the Roanoke Voyages,* is now available for purchase by the mail.

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Chicken Contest Searching For Winning Recipe

Recipes are now being accepted for the National Broiler Council's 38th Chicken Cooking Contest, where the right recipe will provide big winnings.

The contest is open to anyone with the only requirement being that the recipe contain chicken—whole or in parts.

Winners on the state level will travel expense-free to Hershey, PA, for a chance to compete for $20,000 in prizes. First prize in the contest is $10,000.

To enter, write each recipe on a separate piece of paper. Include your name, address and telephone number on the front of each entry and mail to: Chicken Contest, Box 28158 Central Station, Washington, DC 20005.

To receive a copy of the *Chicken Cookbook,* which features recipes from the 1987 contest, send $2 to: Chicken Cookbook, N.C. Poultry Federation, 4020 Barrett Dr., Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Indian Summer Festival Slated In Hertford

A sidewalk craft sale, street dance and pig-pickin' will be a few of the many highlights of the Perquimans County Indian Summer Festival in Hertford, Sept. 16-17.

The event, sponsored by the Perquimans County

Chamber of Commerce, will also feature food and live entertainment.

For more information, contact the chamber at P.O. Box 27, Hertford, NC 27944. Phone: (919) 426-5657.

Cherokee Indian Video Production Is Now Available

"Tragedy and Triumph," a 30-minute video on the history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is now available for purchase by mail.

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Tar Heel Artists Receive Grants

Four North Carolina residents were among seven artists honored with fellowships in the annual Southeast

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Seven grant program.

The program, sponsored by the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, awards $3,000 to each winning artist to "enable them to advance their careers as they see fit."

Over 1,300 artists entered the competition, which incorporates an exhibition of their works scheduled for next spring at SECCA in Winston-Salem.

Winning North Carolina artists were: Martha M. Dunigan, Winston-Salem, sculpture; Gina M. Gilmour, Charlotte, painting; Elizabeth Sutherland, Winston-Salem, painting and Xavier Toubes, Chapel Hill, ceramic sculpture.

Other winners were: Jane Anthony-Buckman, Arlington, VA, painting; Ted Saupe, Knoxville, TN, ceramic sculpture and Robert J. Warrens, New Orleans, LA, painting.

Three Musicians Honored By Arts Council

Three North Carolina residents have received fellowships

from the North Carolina Arts Council.

Composers Lanette M. Lind of Raleigh and Perry Townsend of Charlotte were each awarded Composer Fellowships while musician Matt Kendrick of Winston-Salem was awarded a Jazz Fellowship.

The $5,000 fellowships are awarded annually to those making significant contributions to the artistic climate of the state in hopes of helping such artists continue to produce high-calibre work.

The winners are selected by a panel of prominent out-of-state artists.

Crowd Expected For Chair Fair Held In Lenoir

Over 15,000 people are expected to turn out Sept. 24 when the Caldwell Arts Council sponsors the 11th Annual Chair Fair on the Square in Lenoir.

The festival, which will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., takes its name from the county's position as a major center of furniture manufacturing.

Exhibitions of folk arts, crafts and entertainment will be featured in addition to demonstrations of Appalachian folk arts and furniture skills.

For more information on the Chair Fair, write to the Caldwell Arts Council at 601 College Ave., SW, Lenoir, NC 28645. Phone: (704) 754-2486.

Festival Set For Littleton

Crafts, entertainment and food will be the attractions Sept. 3 at the Fourth Annual Downtown Turnaround Festival in Littleton.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day along Main Street in Littleton. Last year, almost 2,000 people attended the event.

For more information on the festival, contact the Littleton Revitalization Committee at P.O. Box 607, Littleton, NC 27850.

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The following essays were written last fall by two students at Pembroke State University as part of their work in a composition class taught by Raymond Rundus, professor of English. He said the students, who were then freshmen, both expressed "appreciation and affection" for their rural North Carolina roots.

The students are Sharon Peele of Laurinburg and Brian Stewart of Rt. 1, Maxton. Stewart's family is served by Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs.

The Smell of Dirt

One of the most marvelous smells I can think of is the smell of dirt: dark, rich farming soil. To me, it is the smell of life. It is the secret of the universe. It probably even has healing powers that have been overlooked because of its simplicity.

I suppose I acquired this "taste" for dirt very early in life. I spent lots of time on my grandmother's farm. She felt it was her duty for a week or two in the summer to expose me to hard work and my ancestors' way of life. I hated it part of the time and loved it the other part.

I usually hated picking peas and sweating in the midday sun in the tobacco field. I certainly hated the way the other workers picked on me for being "a little white girl with clean hands."

I really despised getting up at 5:30 a.m. to go to the fields and returning about 5:30 p.m.

Yet—I loved playing in the corn bin, which was forbidden. And, I grew to like shelling peas and learning how to can and freeze them. I really loved to ride my uncle's pony and play with the cats and dogs, averaging about five each. I could walk just a little way down the road and pick a watermelon, burst it open—and eat it right on the spot. The air was so clean and fresh. It smelled like dirt.

Dirt was all around us. The smell was strong when it had just been plowed up. It gave life to everything grown there.

When no one was paying close attention, we'd go out and roll in the newly plowed rows. It felt so cool and smelled so good.

It was magical stuff.

—Sharon Peele, Laurinburg

After The Auction: A Farmer No More

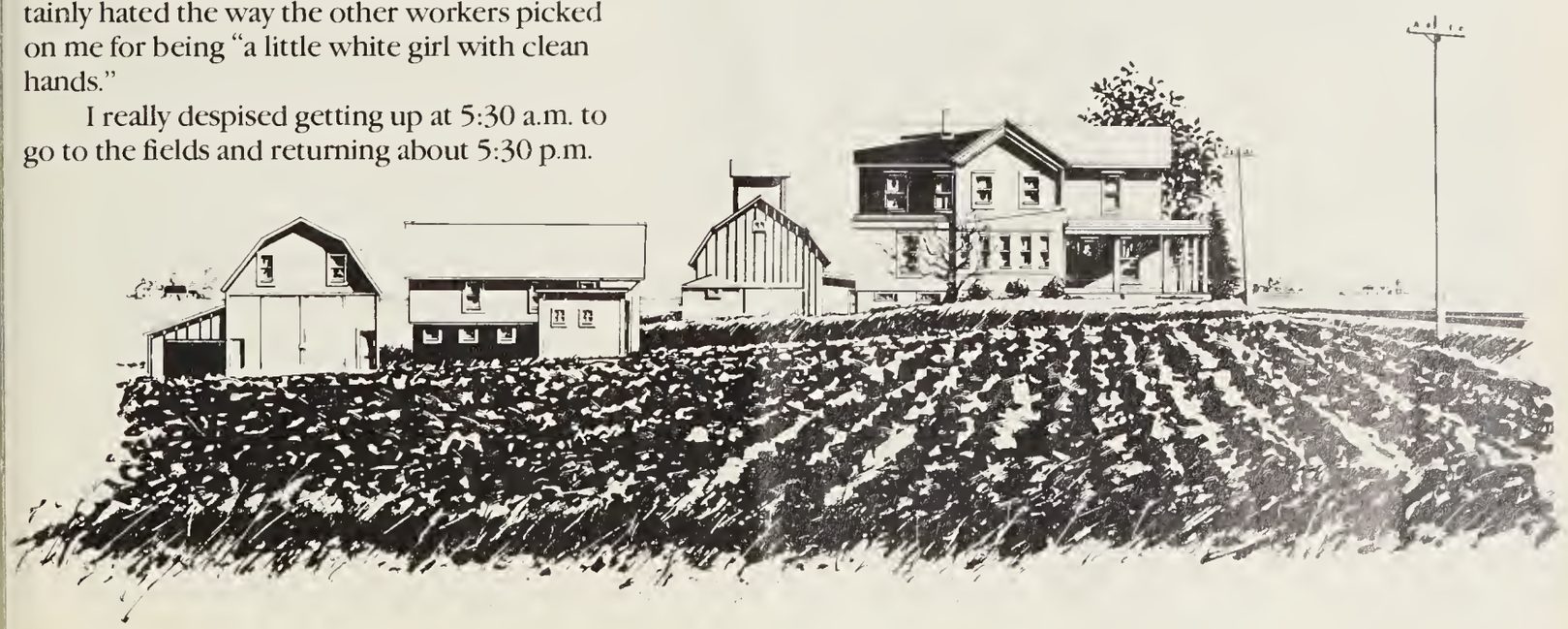
On March 11, 1985, we sold our family farm. Farmers came from all over North and South Carolina to bid on our equipment. Previously we washed up all of our tractors and cotton pickers, hoping they would go for high prices.

The auctioneer started the bidding around 9 a.m. His voice was bold and strong and he had sold half of the equipment in about an hour.

The prices were very low, just as I had expected them to be. Many of the local farmers did not even bid on our equipment because of their economic status. However, all of our equipment was soon gone.

When the auction was finally over, the new owners of the equipment started driving the equipment off our land. It was then that I realized that I would never be able to be a private farmer any more. The three remaining shelters were now empty, and a young man stood there with no occupation.

—Brian Stewart, Rt. 1, Maxton



—The Porch—

Rediscovering "A Piece Of My Past"

I own an old home in Beaufort—a classic structure that was built by my grandparents in 1910. It is Victorian, simplified Queen Anne.

When it was built, it had wrap-around porches on three sides, upstairs and down. These served as outdoor living rooms for three seasons of our year; storage and protection in winter.

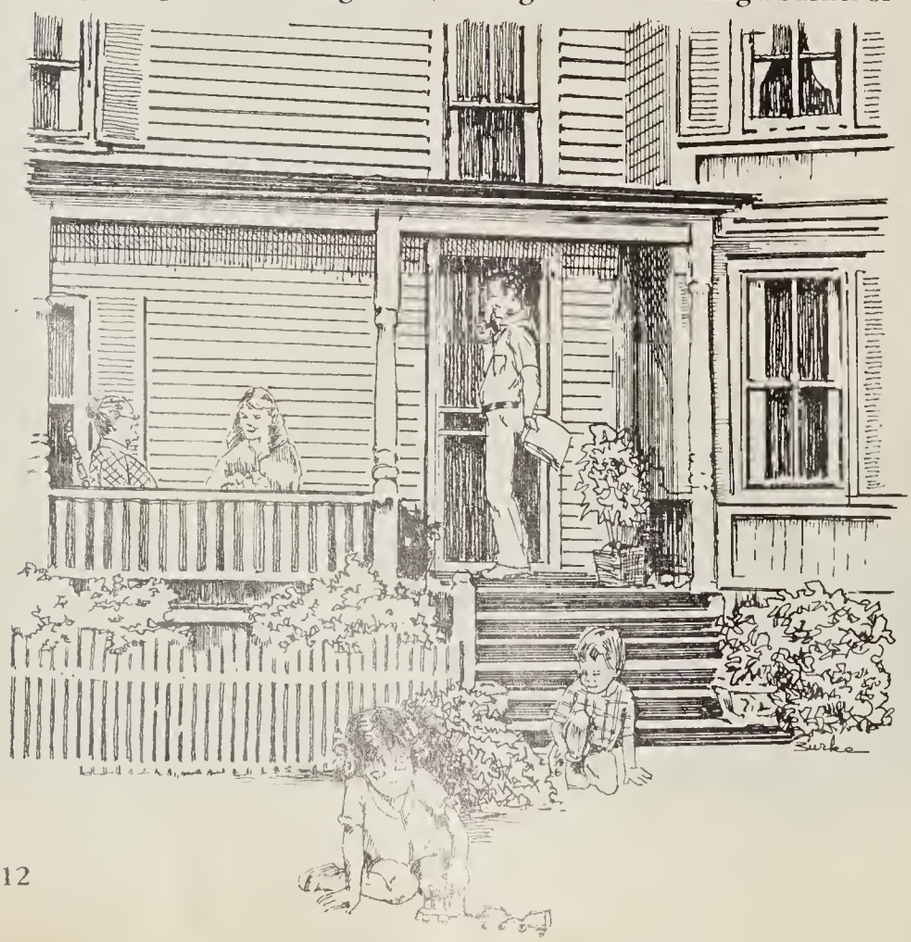
I grew up in the large high-ceilinged rooms, played up and down the 17 stairsteps and enjoyed the wide outside porches and steps. Like so many of the turn-of-the-century houses, the house seems built around—or between—the large hallways and porches as if they anchored it.

I spent many hours in a rocking chair on the porch. When decorum would allow, my date and I would sit together in the porch swing. At that time porch rocking and polite conversation were a part of the social life in every small town. Sometimes there would be piano music from a neighbor's house or Mama would have the radio on inside. We'd place our chairs to face the moon and listen to "Manhattan Merry-Go-Round" and other music shows. It was heavenly to me.

Before storm windows, double paned glass, television and air conditioning, we fanned or sat in a breeze to get cool. There was almost always a breeze on the wide corner porches. For entertainment we sang or played word games. Being together was the most important thing. Also, since everyone in the 1930s and 1940s was short of cash to go to movies or dances, a girl with a large front porch was way ahead socially.

The steps of the porch were great meeting and waiting spots for folks. It was routine to see a boy or a girl of 10 or 12 sitting on the porch steps at a friend's house, waiting for the buddy to finish supper or do chores before being allowed to join a game of baseball or kick-the-can.

Often fishermen or tradesmen, aware of their rubber boots and work clothes, would choose to "wait on the steps" when making deliveries. It was by no means a lesser place than inside the house. Often it was the shadiest, coolest and most pleasant place. It could be a great place for settling an argument, closing a deal, making a date or shelling a bushel of garden peas. Pets invariably claimed as their own the space under a favorite chair or in a shady corner of the porch. On rainy days the porch became our playroom.



When I returned to Beaufort several years ago, I began to renovate or "fix up" the house at 618 Ann Street. As an avid reader, I had acquired a great number of books—some necessary for my work, others just because I love books. The house, like most old homes, had few built-in bookcases. A bookcase to Mama was a piece of furniture, known today as an antique.

After some thought, I decided to make part of the front porch my library. I planned wall-to-wall bookshelves and tall bright windows. I did not plan to change the architecture of the house—simply to enclose an area of the porch and make it a library. The plan didn't work out.

With boxes upon boxes of books to store, I was disappointed. However, in the months since moving back home, I have renewed my acquaintance with the porch in its original arrangement. I find that today I'm glad it has remained unchanged. It reminds me of days and nights I had lost sight of or forgotten—sharing time with friends and family members no longer near. It stirs me gently with memories of the evenings of my childhood and youth.

I did a lot of living on this porch; dreamed a lot of dreams, wished on hundreds of first stars and new moons, cried my share of youthful tears, shared a thousand confidences and laughed a million laughs. I played silly games with my sister, sang songs for all the neighborhood to hear and mastered the technique of holding hands with my date as we rocked in separate rockers.

I had forgotten how Mama would end her chores, glance in the hall mirror at her hair and dress and say, "Let's go sit on the porch." I spent some of my happiest moments sitting next to her, as she talked or visited with neighbors from nearby porches.

The porch was meeting place and resting place. It was space to look at and enjoy nature. You could take your morning coffee there, share a cup of tea with a friend or entertain your church committee. It held toys, books, pets, plants and assorted furniture and pillows. It was part of the house that was "special" to each member and belonged to everyone in the family. In all seasons of the year it provided not just shelter but a sense of "home."

The books must wait. I've found something even more important—a piece of my past.

—Carol Bessent Hayman

Familiar Names Added To Program Roster

Three well-known names in North Carolina food products head the list of new participants in the "Goodness Grows in North Carolina" program now beginning its third year.

Tar Heel food buyers will readily recognize the names of Holly Farms, Pepsi Cola and Neese Country Sausage. All have been widely consumed for years.

Holly Farms of Wilkes County, producer of fresh chicken in every form, has been on the scene since 1961 when a group of poultry producers combined efforts under a single brand name. Now Holly Farms broilers, roasters and chicken packages of every description are found in grocery stores across North Carolina and throughout the nation.

Carolina Pepsi Bottlers, a federation of several individual bottling firms, are proud that Pepsi Cola actually started in New Bern, when a Dr. Pemberton first offered the beverage as "Dr. Pemberton's Tonic." The bottlers joined forces for participation in the Goodness Grows promotion of the N.C. Department of Agriculture (NCDA) Marketing Division.

Another familiar food processor is Neese Country Sausage of Greensboro, which has been around since before World War II. In addition to a top grade of pork sausage—mild or hot—the company produces liver pudding, scrapple, souse loaf and a mildly flavored sandwich ingredient called simply C-Loaf. Neese uses its own fleet of trucks to distribute sausage and other wares to groceries, and as a result, prides itself on freshness.

With a number of new food producers signing up in recent weeks, the list of cooperators is now close to 100, according to NCDA officials.

There are several requirements to join the marketing promotion. First, ingredients in the product—at least 51 percent—must be from North Carolina. Equally important, the merchandise bearing the distinctive Goodness Grows logotype must be of the highest quality.

If a company produces several lines, such as "Good, Better and Best," only the top-rated line is eligible for the label.

Any interested food processor can get an application by telephoning (919) 733-7912 or by writing: Mrs. Teresa Hamby, Coordinator, Goodness Grows in North Carolina, Division of Marketing, N.C. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Once an application is filed, samples are tested by a panel of experts in the commodity listed. With approval, the producer gets the green light to use the label and participate in the advertising promotion—all at no charge.

New food producers, including Holly Farms, Pepsi Cola and Neese Country Sausage, have signed up for the marketing promotion in recent weeks, bringing the list of cooperators to nearly 100.

In addition to Holly Farms, Neese and Pepsi, a number of other firms have also joined the program. Wayco Corporation of Goldsboro produces the Waynesboro Country Ham and other pork products, while Peg Hulslander of Raleigh markets alfalfa and clover sprouts. Doris Lewis of Rt. 3, Hillsborough, sells tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, peppers and other plants, while Honey Dew Products of Raleigh produces Big K's Barbecue Sauce.

Blue Sky Fruit Sales of Flat Rock sells fresh apple cider; Pine Ridge Growers of Rt. 1, Creedmoor, offers hydroponic greenhouse tomatoes, and the Grandy Farm Market—run by Colon and Allie Grandy—of Poplar Branch, sells all kinds of produce, country hams, peanuts and popcorn. Lux Farms of Englehard joins the acquaculture movement, selling live crawfish.

Carter Farms of Rt. 1, Eagle Springs, has cantaloupes, watermelons and tomatoes while Carolina Dairies of Kinston offers—naturally—dairy products. J. K. Spencer Jr.'s Buffalo Milling of Kittrell offers plain and fancy corn meal products, including the self-rising variety, hushpuppy mix and hushpuppy mix with onions. McCotter Farms of Vandemere has sweet corn in the summer.

Southland Estate Winery of Selma markets wine, Dixie's Pride of Jackson sells that brand of select peanuts and Murfreesboro Farms markets watermelons and cucumbers.

Carolina Gift Packages of Wilmington markets varied gift packs. They can include hushpuppy mix, peanuts and peanut products, popcorn, pickles, pecans and honey. And for a real North Carolina touch the package can include good old grits.

Another new participant with a long-established product is the Mello Buttercup Ice Cream Co. of Wilson.

Cookbook Sales To Support Bone Lab At Duke

You can help support plans for a bone marrow laboratory at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham by buying a new cookbook published by the North Carolina Credit Union League (NCCUL).

The softcover book, *Credit Unions Cookin' in Carolina,* contains 250 favorite recipes from Tar Heel credit union members and employees across the state—as well as general cooking information and a microwave section.

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will help NCCUL raise $200,000 needed to fund the lab, which will treat numerous children's diseases with the help of bone marrow transplants.

Bone marrow, a "blood factory" for the body, can become diseased and cause illness in children. However, by cleansing it or replacing it with healthy marrow from a donor, a cure for many hopeless conditions has been within reach.

In the past, children with aplastic anemia and relapsed leukemia have been helped with bone marrow transplants.

About 200 pediatric cancer cases are diagnosed each year in North Carolina, and 45 percent do not respond to other types of therapy. For these children, a bone marrow transplant would be a life-saving option.

Researchers also see the possibility that bone marrow transplants can help treat such diseases as cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia and hemophilia.

The lab, to be named the NCCUL Pediatric Bone Marrow Laboratory, will aid children in the Carolinas and Virginia. Previously, children in these areas had to travel to New York, Minneapolis and Seattle to receive such treatment.

In addition to cutting down the expense of traveling, the lab will also reduce the psychological strain of patients and their families who are often separated for extended periods of time or must make great sacrifices to be together.

The book can be purchased through the mail for $6.75, including postage. Checks should be made out to EMC Employees Credit Union. Mail orders to Lisa Janasek, EMC Employees Credit Union, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.

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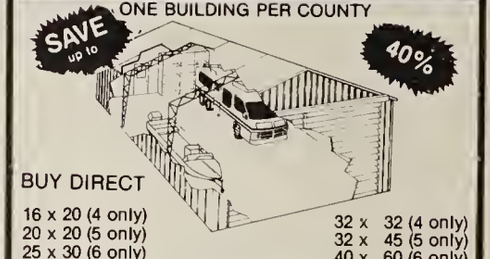

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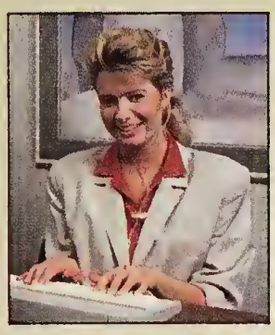

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Washington Tour

Sightseeing, Worn Shoes and New Friendships

Many of the 42 North Carolina young people who participated in the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington had never been to the nation's capital. Now, they're all regular D.C. veterans.

The annual week-long tour is an educational program for rising high school seniors coordinated by the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs).

The tourists, representing various electric cooperatives, learned first-hand about the workings of a co-op by operating a "soda pop co-op," which supplied soft drinks to the thirsty students. (See box, opposite page).

"The 'soda pop co-op' was not only fun but useful. It saved us much money and allowed us to have drinks on the bus—when we most needed them. If we were unsure about the literal meaning of a co-op, we had a tangible example by Friday," said Rashmir Anand of Gastonia, who represented Rutherford EMC, Forest City.

"It gave North Carolina something to brag about," said April Craft of Welcome, who represented Davidson EMC, Lexington. "The Tar Heel state had the only delegation that operated a 'soda pop co-op'."

The Youth Tour also gave tourists a chance to experience many of the sites and sounds of Washington. The student group visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, the White House and the Library of Congress—to name only a few. They also called on members of the North Carolina congressional delegation at the capital.

"We felt we should have a memorial at Arlington—in the form of worn out shoes," said a couple of youth tourists.

"I felt closer to my country, patriotically. I also gained new friends and memories to last a lifetime," said Dreama Robertson of Lenoir, who represented Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.

Tourists were also encouraged to trade collectibles with the other students—totaling nearly 1,000—from across the country. Some Tar Heel students racked up impressive collections.

Bennie Brake of Battleboro, who represented Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro, assembled the group's largest collection—57 items.

Many of the tourists said the most important part of the tour was the friendships they made.

Angie Brown of Asheboro, who represented Randolph EMC, Asheboro, said: "I believe the one thing that everyone loved about the trip was the people ... the very special friendships we made that will linger in our hearts forever."

For information about the 1989 tour, contact your local EMC or write to: Ms. Lorrie Constantinos, North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatves, Inc., P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.

These buttons and other collectibles from Youth Tourists representing various states were collected by three members of the North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour delegation as part of a contest designed to help the students meet their counterparts from throughout the country. The winner was Bennie Brake of Rt. 2, Battleboro, who collected a total of 57 items. Brake represented Edgecombe-Martin County EMC on the tour.

Photos by Dusty Rhodes, Crescent EMC, Statesville

Members of the North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour visited Washington's National Cathedral.

A Learning Experience

Seven Students Operate Tour's 'Soda Pop Co-op'

Seven high school students, representing five of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs), were selected for primary roles in a "soda-pop co-op" as part of the recent Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.

Organized by the 42 Tar Heel rising seniors, the "soda-pop co-op" gave the Youth Tour participants an opportunity to learn how co-ops operate—while providing the group affordable soft drinks.

A $1 membership fee was charged for each Youth Tour member, with soft drink prices set at 35 cents—much lower than the standard Washington price of 75 cents.

At the end of the tour, the co-op was disbanded and—after covering all operating costs—margins remaining were refunded to the members. These "capital credits" amounted to eight cents a can.

The "soda-pop co-op" was operated by a five-member board of directors along with a manager and assistant manager.

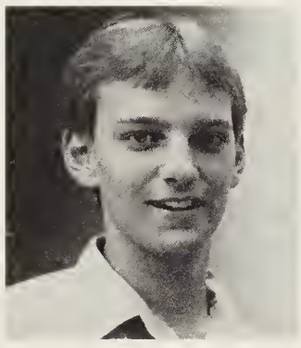
Serving as the co-op's manager was Bill Jackson, Ocean Isle Beach, representing Brunswick EMC, Shallotte. Jeff Swicegood, Statesville, representing Crescent EMC, Statesville, served as the co-op's assistant manager.

Serving on the co-op's board of directors were: Grover Gore, Southport, representing Brunswick EMC, president; Tripp Purvis, Hobgood, representing Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro, vice president; Alison Rhodes, Statesville, representing Crescent EMC; Cindy Owens, Jefferson, representing Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir and David Council, Wallace, representing Four County EMC, Burgaw.

Wayne County Student Appointed To National Youth Consulting Board

A Wayne County high school student has been selected as North Carolina's representative on the Youth Consulting Board (YCB) of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Kurt Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Buchanan of Dudley, was selected for the board post from among the 42 Tar Heel high school students who participated on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.



The national youth board participates in various programs of the association and serves as an advisory group to the association regarding youth activities.

Buchanan, who attends Southern Wayne High School, was sponsored on the Youth Tour by Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Dudley.

Buchanan said he felt "privileged and honored" to be selected to represent the state on the YCB. He added that he has already tried to influence his friends to participate in future Youth Tours.

"I'd like to go around the state and speak to different groups about the tour," he said. "A person should be very happy to be selected. Believe me, it's worth it."

Selected as the state's YCB alternate delegate was Rashmi Anand, who represented Rutherford EMC, Forest City.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jagmohan Anand of Gastonia, Anand attends Ashbrook High School in Gaston County. She also represented the Tar Heel group in a Youth Tour Quiz Bowl competition while in Washington.

The contest was part of Youth Day events sponsored by NRECA for youth tourists from the various states participating in the tour program.

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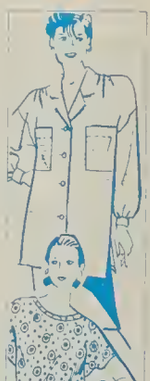

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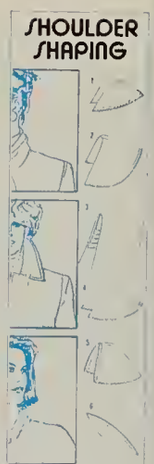

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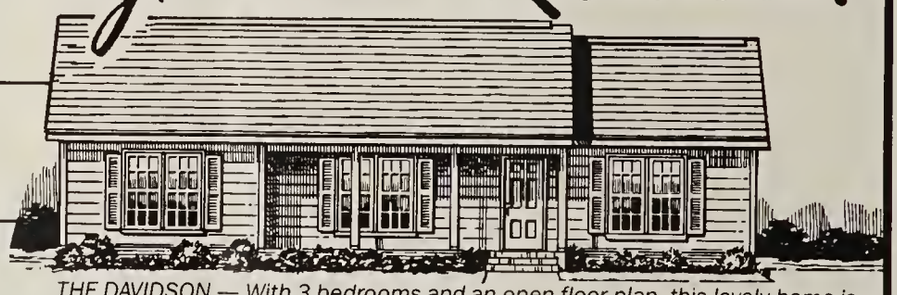

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1/2 C milk
3 T milk
3 T margarine or butter, melted
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
Sweetened whipped cream

TOSS fruits with 1/4 cup sugar; let stand 1 hr. MIX remaining ingredients except whipped cream until soft dough forms. Gently smooth into a ball on surface lightly dusted with baking mix. Knead 8 to 10 times. Pat or roll 1/2" thick. Cut with 3" cutter dipped in baking mix. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet until light brown, 10 to 12 min. SPLIT warm shortcakes; spoon fruit mixture between halves and over tops. Top with whipped cream. (Yield: 6 shortcakes)

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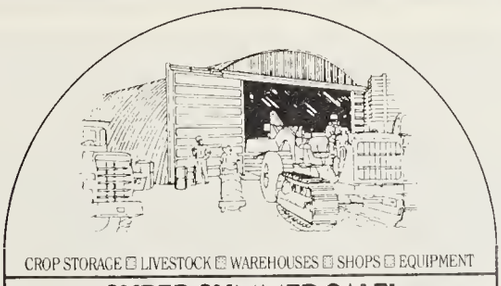

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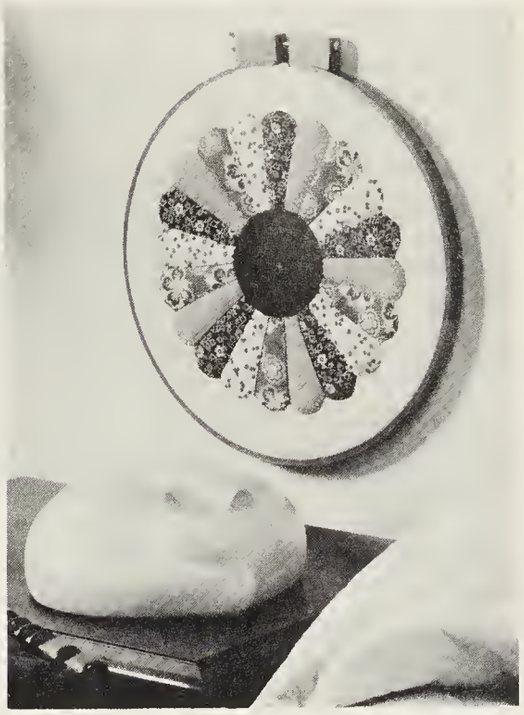

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One of the advantages of retirement, in most cases, is that you have more freedom than ever to accept or decline many invitations, depending on your individual wishes. And one type of "invitation" that falls right into this category is the call for jury duty.

North Carolina residents who are 65 or older are not required to serve on juries—but officials of both state and federal courts find that they make outstanding jurors.

Some citizens go through life without ever being called for jury duty. Others may have several experiences, dealing with everything from a civil lawsuit to a murder case. Some people seem to enjoy doing this civic duty, while others live for years hoping that the summons to serve as a juror never comes.

North Carolina citizens who have achieved that landmark age of 65 are not required to serve on juries in state courts. If they receive a summons, they can either respond in a separate letter or write on the summons itself. Just say you're 65 and you will be excused.

Odds are that the records will be amended to assure that you won't be called again. If you are, you can just repeat this process.

The same provision applies in federal courts, in North Carolina and across the nation, but here the "magic age" is 70. In federal courts, you receive a questionnaire rather than a summons, and you are required to fill it out. If your answers show (1) that you are 70 or more, and (2) that you wish to be excused from jury duty, you will be excused.

You may be pleased to know that officials of both federal and state courts hope you will not take advantage of your exemption for age. One official said: "Retired people, with their mature outlook, make excellent jurors. We hope they will want to serve.

"Some jurors with full-time jobs feel they are under pressure if they are on a trial that takes several days. Older jurors don't usually feel such pressure, and their experience means that they can give excellent judgment on the case before them."

Federal court system officials agree that older folks make top-flight jury members. As a result, they go even further than this. When a jury questionnaire comes back, signifying a willingness to serve even though the individual has reached the age of 70, it gets priority attention.

"They are very likely to be called for duty in the very near future," said one official. "They may be called again and again."

To summarize, just remember that jury duty exemption is automatic at age 65 for state courts and at age 70 for federal courts. But both court systems hold older folks in high esteem and hope they will choose to serve on juries—because they do such a good job.

The exemptions apply both to the "petit jury," as North Carolina calls it and to the grand jury. The petit jury hears actual cases, either civil or criminal, in a courtroom. The grand jury, which may be convened for months or for a full year, determines probable cause—whether or not someone should go to court for trial.

When you get your invitation, the choice is yours—if you've reached a "ripe old age."

No Way To Get Rich

Jury duty is seldom thought of as financially rewarding. It's usually a matter of spending long hours, particularly on involved trials, with little money connected with it. And this is generally correct.

But, this depends on whether the duty is for state or federal courts.

Duty on a North Carolina jury, whether you're there for one hour or all day, pays exactly $12 a day. One juror serving for several days in a row was heard to complain: "They give you just about enough money to park your car and buy a light lunch."

The $12 rate is up from just $8 a few years ago.

U.S. courts pay more, but federal jury duty will not make you rich.

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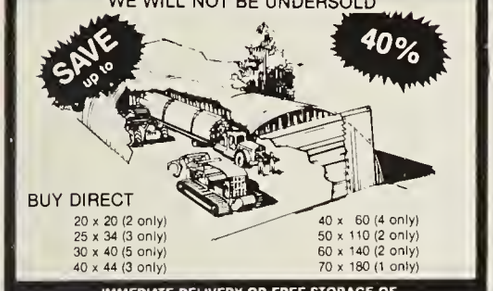

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Thad Eure Cited For Support Of Co-op Council's Leadership Camp

Thad Eure, the veteran North Carolina Secretary of State who will be stepping down in January, was honored at the 1988 Cooperative Leadership Camp for his support of the camp over the past 15 years.

Eure was recognized with the establishment of the Thad Eure Leadership Award, which will be given annually to the outstanding camper. *(See related story and photos, page 24).*

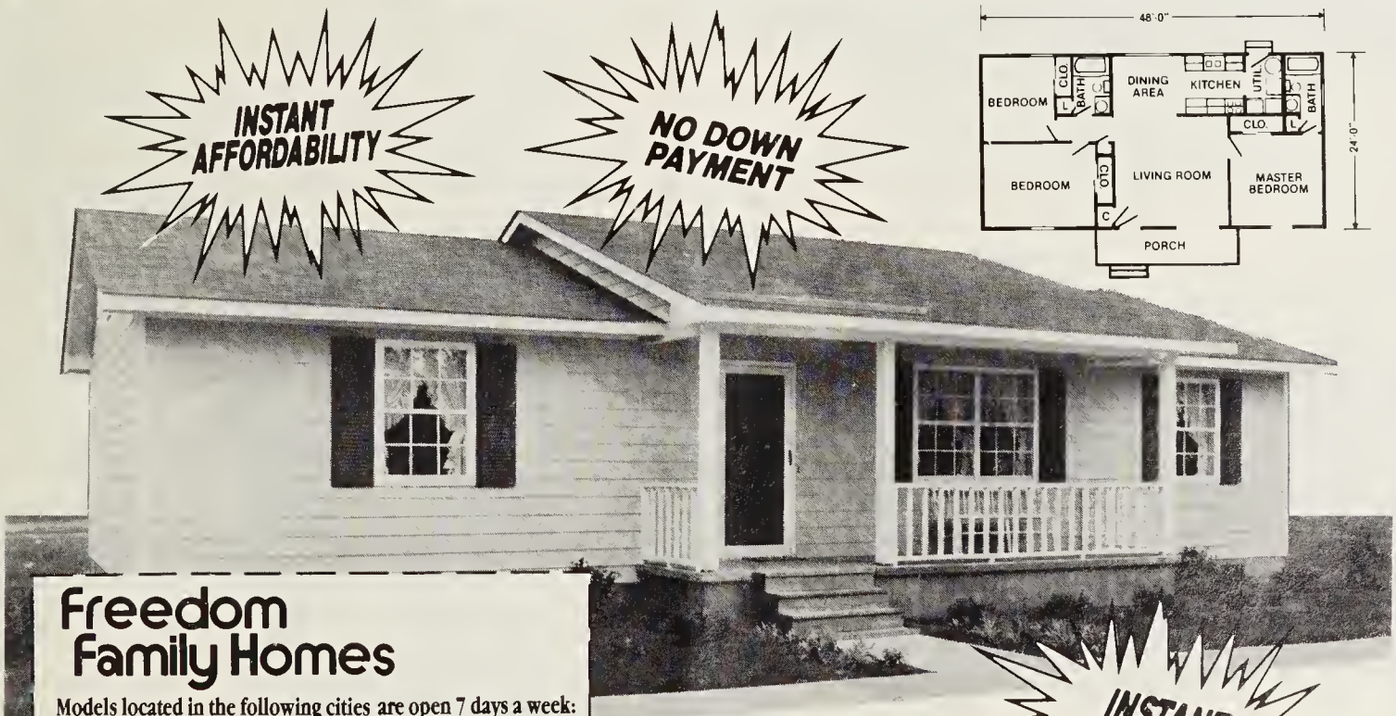
Heather Koons of Boone, the first recipient of the award, accepted it from Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham. Eure was unable to attend due to his wife's ill health.

As part of the honor, Koons will represent the Cooperative Leadership Camp at the National Institute on Cooperative Education in Rochester, NY, an annual event sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperation.

Koons was also elected president of the camp's T-shirt cooperative and was one of the winners in the talent contest.

She was sponsored by Mountain Farm Credit Service of Asheville.

The camp is an annual program sponsored by the N.C. Cooperative Council.



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50 Youths Sharpen Leadership Skills During Co-op Camp

About 50 young people from across North Carolina participated in the 1988 Cooperative Leadership Camp at White Lake. (See related story, page 23).

The five-day camp, sponsored by the North Carolina Cooperative Council, offers high school students learning experiences designed to improve their leadership skills and their understanding of how co-ops operate.

Participants in the annual program organize a functioning co-op to sell camp T-shirts and hear presentations by representatives of various Tar Heel cooperatives. The campers are selected to attend through sponsorships by various co-ops.

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"Buddy System" Led To Abuses At The Pentagon

Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) said the scandal exceeded "the wildest imagination."

Sen. John Warner (R-VA) said it was the "most widespread case I or anyone else has ever seen" and the "most serious in the history of the Defense Department" and he was "shocked to his shoes." Warner is a former Secretary of the Navy.

What they were talking about was a scandal at the Pentagon, the Defense Department headquarters in northern Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington. It had to do with the way the military buys its weapons.

While all the details won't be known for months, already some of the largest suppliers of weapons have been named in search warrants for their officers and plants. These include Litton Industries, United Technology, McDonnell Douglas, Northrop and a dozen others.

Initial indications are that some of these firms received inside information about bids to be let and what their competitors were prepared to bid.

Pentagon watchers say the system is at fault and was just sitting there ready to be abused.

There was plenty of temptation. During the past five years the Pentagon has spent some $1.50 billion each year on new weapons or replacements. That is three-fourths of a trillion dollars, which is enough to corrupt ordinarily honest individuals.

Much of the fault lies in the "buddy system" that has evolved over the past several years. An officer working in the Pentagon retires and immediately goes to work for a defense contractor with whom he has been dealing. He then contacts friends still in the service who are working on projects he formerly supervised. The opportunity for double dealing is apparent.

Another invitation to corruption is the consultant, who has become part of a growth industry in Washington in recent years. These people leave the armed service and set up shop to be hired as experts by the companies wanting to do business with the Pentagon. Some are retained as experts by the Pentagon. They can then deal with their former friends or with each other to make deals in which large amounts of money can change hands.

The Defense Department has tried to control this situation through rules requiring a retired officer to register when he is employed by an outside firm but observers say many never do.

Two years ago President Reagan appointed a commission to study the problem and its findings warned of the dangers. It also asked defense contractors to police their own activities more.

The present investigation has been going on for two years and the secret has been kept extremely well.

Not even the President or the Attorney General knew what the FBI was doing until it was announced recently.

Heading the probe is Henry Hudson, U.S. attorney for the Northern Virginia district, who is described as a "bulldog" of a prosecutor.

Hudson at first said he thought the indictments could be obtained in some cases in 90 days but later amended that to say it will be the first of the year before formal charges are brought. This would push the matter well beyond the November election.

But the matter won't be hidden. Congressional committees lost no time in starting inquiries and holding hearings, which means the matter of arms buying will be in the news constantly.

Members of Congress say tens of millions of dollars are involved and the consequences will be severe.

Rep. Larry Hopkins (D-KY) said, "Some people are going to jail."

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'Breakthrough' Expands Rural TV Programming

The National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) has signed programming agreements making it the first third-party program packager to establish long-term contractual relationships with major programming services.

Those programming services include: HBO/Cinemax, The Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, Netlink USA (six Denver stations) and The Nashville Network.

The final agreements between NRTC and the programmers were the result of a two-day negotiating session held in the Washington offices of Sen. Tim Wirth, D-CO.

NRTC's Chief Executive Officer Bob Phillips said he was happy to have concluded the contract negotiations, which had stretched out over many months.

"Certainly this is a positive event in the evolution of the home dish market," he said. "It's one that will change the way home dish owners are served and we believe it will give the entire industry a boost.

"We are indebted to our congressional friends for their help in bringing about these breakthrough contracts," Phillips said. "Sen. Tim Wirth, in particular, was instrumental in bringing the parties together.

"Sen. Albert Gore Jr. and Congressman Billy Tauzin were also critical to these contracts," he added. "Their success in moving the Gore-Tauzin Satellite Television Fair Marketing Act helped make these contracts a reality. Numerous other congressional friends were instrumental as well in this critical step towards market fairness and stability in the home dish market and we owe them a debt of gratitude."

The new programming expands that already offered through NRTC's "Rural TV" package, which includes CNN/Headline News, ESPN, Superstation WTBS, CBN Cable Network and 10 other programming services. NRTC is the Washington-based rural satellite services organization owned and controlled by more than 500 rural electric and rural telephone systems in 45 states.

It currently markets "Rural TV" for rural satellite dish owners through these member utility systems. It was formed in August, 1986, to use satellite system capability in consumer applications and programming, for the development of advanced educational services for rural residents and for business applications through bi-directional satellite systems.

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Gardening activities are relatively light during hot weather. But now's a good time to make headway on getting the garden ready for autumn.

Spade or till each garden area, adding organic fertilizer and complete fertilizer. You'll want to locate those spots where new trees and shrubs will be added this fall and winter. And, keep on the alert for insects and diseases.

Check Trees and Shrubs

Dead wood is easier to spot before leaves fall. Remove any dead wood and sucker growth while the leaves are still on trees and shrubs.

Feeding

Continue to feed annual bedding plants with either a liquid or water-soluble fertilizer to keep them blooming.

Pay particular attention to plants growing in containers. In addition to fertilizer, these need extra water during hot dry days. Hanging baskets usually need a daily drink of water.

Mums should be fed every two weeks with a complete fertilizer until the time that flower buds begin to show color.

Feed Asparagus for Next Year's Crop

Late in August or early September, begin fertilizing asparagus plants so that roots and crowns can store food for next year's crop. Apply three pounds of a complete general fertilizer (such as 8-8-8, 5-10-5 or 6-12-12) to each 100 square feet of soil surface.

Spread fertilizer between rows and cultivate it in. Cease cutting asparagus and let plants grow up and go to seed.

Disbud Camellias

Check your camellia plants now for they are beginning to set a crop of new flower buds.

You may find some that need an early disbudding—where flower buds are thickly clustered on the stem.

By removing side buds and leaving the choice tip bud to form, you'll be rewarded with a much larger and better shaped bloom.

Don't Hedge on Hedges

Late summer is a good time to give hedges their final clipping of the season. If clipped later, there is a risk of inducing tender new growth that may be injured or killed by cold weather.

Daylily Proliferations

The grasslike shoots that appear on flower stalks of daylilies are a means by which plants reproduce themselves. These may be pulled off and rooted in sand for more plants. This is especially helpful if you have "good" varieties that you desire to increase in stock.

Soak Trees, Shrubs If Rainfall Is Scant

Heat, combined with dry soil, can be fatal to those trees and shrubs set out last winter or spring. Should you be in an area receiving scant rainfall, heavy watering is recommended. A good soaking is a "life insurance" for these plants.

Heavy watering is the kind that penetrates the soil at least eight inches. A depression two-feet wide and two-inches deep, around each tree and shrub, will help. Fill the depression with water.

Straw or burlap to cover the exposed soil between waterings is desirable. Set a deep pan or tin can close to the trunk. When water is two inches deep in the container, watering should be adequate.

Neither grass nor competing plants should be allowed to grow within two feet of newly set trees and shrubs the first year. Plants should have no rivals if rainfall is meager.

Azaleas and camellias set their flower buds now for next season's bloom. Don't let plants become dry during this critical period, yet don't keep them constantly wet. If rainfall should be inadequate, soak plants once a week to keep growth active.

Tomato Increase

Tomato plants for fall gardens are usually difficult to find. If vines from your summer crop are still healthy, you're in luck.

There's still time to start new plants by taking disease-free suckers (young shoots that form in the angle made by the leaf and stem) and using them as plants for a fall crop (barring an early freeze.)

Suckers should be at least pencil size in diameter and five to seven inches long. Set suckers in well prepared soil just as you would a rooted plant—leaving little more than the bud exposed. Water well. Provide light shade until growth starts. Most suckers usually will begin producing fruit right away as they already have bloom buds.

Propagation

Woody ornamentals such as azaleas, hydrangeas and oleanders may be propagated from cuttings at this time of year.

By Hank Smith

Make tip cuttings from four to six inches long. Remove leaves from lower half of each cutting. Dip the cut end in a rooting hormone to hasten root growth.

Place cuttings in a moist rooting medium of sand or a mixture of peat and perlite. Keep moist by covering with a plastic bag.

Dried Flowers for Winter

Strawflowers, statice, cockscomb and other flowers to be dried for winter bouquets should be cut at this time. Tie them in bundles. Place bundles in paper bags. Hang in a dry place.

Do Vegetables Need Daily Watering?

Should a vegetable garden be watered daily during long dry periods?

A vegetable garden should be given a thorough soaking every five to seven days. Water should penetrate soil to a four-to-six-inch depth.

Start Perennials

If you'll plant seed of perennials now, plants will be ready to transplant by late October or early November. Many types can be grown from seed sown in shady areas.

Roses Tall and Leggy?

Some rose specialists recommend cutting tall and leggy plants back about half as much as you normally would in late winter or spring.

Fertilize and water well to encourage new growth for fall blooming. Keep up insect and disease control.

Annual Meetings Calendar

Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
August			
18	Pee Dee, Wadesboro	Registration: 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Richmond Senior High School, Rockingham
27	Haywood, Waynesville	Registration: 8:30 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.	Tuscola High School, near Waynesville
27	Roanoke, Rich Square	Registration: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	EMC Headquarters Arena, Rich Square
September			
17	Albemarle, Hertford	Registration: 12:00 Noon Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Perquimans County High School, Hertford

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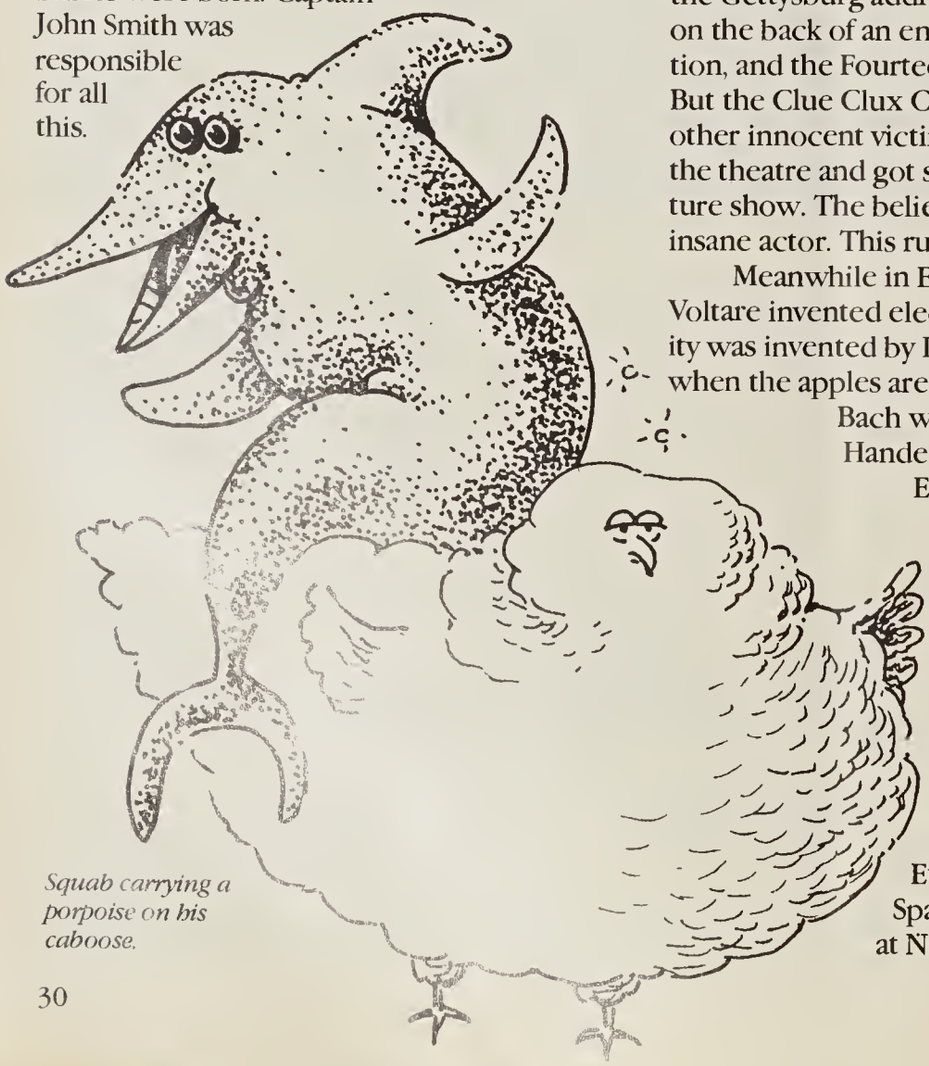
Abe: A Great Precedent

The following is the second half of the "history" of the world as told through student "bloopers" in history and English essays. The first half appeared here last month. The piece was compiled by Richard Lederer.

During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe. Later the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and that was called the Pilgrim's Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indians squabs carried porposies on their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was the hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.



Squab carrying a porpoise on his caboose.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the mail without stamps. During the War, Red Coats and Paul Revere was throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin and Benjamin Franklin were two signers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin had gone to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards and declared "a horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

George Washington married Martha Custis and in due time became the Father of Our Country. Then the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin, which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also signed the Emasculation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-negroes citizenship. But the Clue Clux Clan would torcher and lynch the ex-negroes and other innocent victims. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theatre and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assinator was John Wilkes Booth, a supposed insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

Meanwhile in Europe, the Enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltare invented electricity and also wrote a book called "Candy." Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

Bach was the most famous composer in the world; so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died from this.

France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marseillaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Nepoleon. During Nepoleonic Wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. Then the Spanish gorrilas came down from the hills and nipped at Nepoleon's flanks. Nepoleon became ill with

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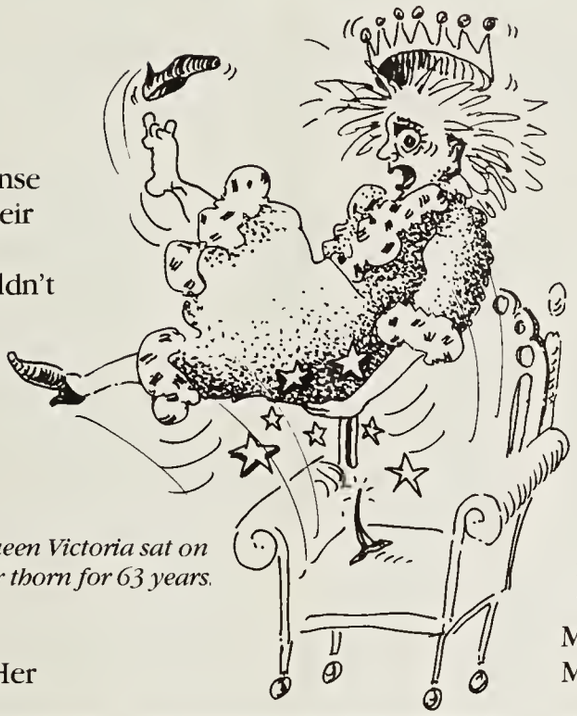
By Owen Bishop

bladder problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He wanted an heir to inheret his power, but since Josephine was a baroness she couldn't bear him any children.

The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the east and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. The reclining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.



Queen Victoria sat on her thorn for 63 years.

The nineteenth century was a time of many great inventions and thoughts. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick Raper, which did the work of a hundred men. Samuel Morse invented a code for telepathy. Louis Pastuer discovered a cure for rabbis. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the "Organ of the Species." Madman Curie discovered radium. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx Brothers.

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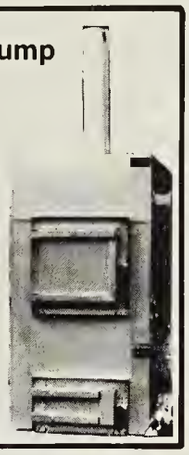

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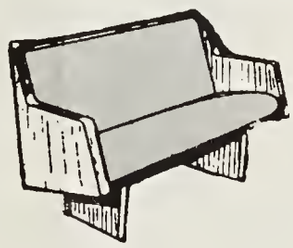

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